

SENATE RESOLUTION 85
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathy Wells upon her selection as Teacher of the Year at West View Middle School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wells is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Wells has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at West View Middle School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on countless young lives; and

WHEREAS, being selected as Teacher of the Year at the school level is the first step in the competition for regional, state, and national honors; Ms. Wells will compete against other school-level winners from Hamblen County in order to advance to the district competition; and

WHEREAS, serving with acumen and alacrity as an art teacher at West View Middle School since 1976, Kathy Wells is a two-time Teacher of the Year at West View, having been previously honored with the award in 2001; and

WHEREAS, currently working as an after-school homebound teacher in addition to her teaching duties at West View Middle School, Kathy Wells has a prestigious educational background that includes a graduate degree from the University of Tennessee and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Carson Newman College; and

WHEREAS, always striving to hone instructional skills and diversify learning, Ms. Wells has taught at various in-service opportunities for colleagues and serves as a team leader for the Principal's Leadership Committee at West View; and

WHEREAS, during her years at West View Middle School, Ms. Wells has worked with the Beta Club, helping students prepare work and representation banners for state level competitions, she has also served as the yearbook sponsor and sponsor of the Art Club for the past 30 years; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wells has assisted in numerous student projects and programs including Keep America Beautiful and the Recycle Club, served as a volunteer leader for 4-H, and worked with the Future Farmers of America's Horse Bowl and Horse Judging Teams on the state and local levels; and

WHEREAS, highly respected by her peers and colleagues, Kathy Wells has previously been named an Outstanding Young Woman of America and is a member of the Hamblen County Education Association, the Tennessee Education Association and the National Education Association; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wells truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of her community, Kathy Wells is a supporter of the Rose Center, works locally with the Ridin' High Therapeutic Horse Center, and has performed volunteer work for the Boys and Girls Club; and

WHEREAS, a faithful and very active member of Cedar Hill Church of God, Ms. Wells teaches an elementary-level Sunday School class and works with the Bible School and Ladies Ministry programs; and

WHEREAS, truly epitomizing the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, Kathy Wells should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Ms. Kathy Wells on being chosen West View Middle School's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.